

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

JOANNE M. ROYER, )  
                        )  
                        Plaintiff, )  
v.                     )  
                        ) CIVIL ACTION NO:  
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ) NO: 05-CV-10448-GAO  
MASSACHUSETTS, INC., BLUE CROSS )  
BLUE SHIELD LONG-TERM )  
DISABILITY BENEFIT PLAN, a/k/a )  
OMNIBUS WELFARE BENEFITS )  
PLAN, KEMPER NATIONAL )  
SERVICES, INC., BROADSPIRE )  
SERVICES, INC., AND SHELDON )  
MYERSON, MD., )  
                        )  
                        Defendants. )  
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**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.5.2, I, David F. Schmidt, of the law firm of Chittenden, Murday & Novotny LLC, hereby withdraw my appearance as counsel for defendants Blue Cross Blue Shield Long-Term Disability Benefit Plan, a/k/a Omnibus Welfare Benefits Plan, Kemper National Services, Inc., Broadspire Services, Inc. and Sheldon Myerson, M.D. ("Defendants"), in the above-entitled case.

Defendants will continue to be represented by Edward S. Rooney, Jr. of the law firm Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC.

There are no motions pending before the court.

No trial date has been set.

I am informed and believe that a mediation conference has been scheduled for June 29, 2006 before Magistrate Judge Dein. I am further informed and believe that Defendants will be

represented at this mediation by an attorney from the law firm of Meckler, Bulger & Tilson, LLP of Chicago, Illinois, who has been admitted *pro hac vice*.

Plaintiff's counsel Bernard A. Kansky has advised local counsel Edward S. Rooney, Jr. that he has no opposition to my withdrawing from the case on behalf of the Defendants.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: June 27, 2006

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I hereby certify that this document(s) filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non-registered participants on 6/27/06.

By: E. S. Rooney 